DW Global Media Forum 2026 – Press and media information

OVERVIEW

The 19th DW Global Media Forum (GMF) will take place on June 23 and 24, 2026 at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB) and the DW headquarters in Bonn, Germany.

Once again, we expect more than 1400 participants and over 160 speakers from 100+ countries, who will contribute to over 50 sessions.

A key moment of the conference will be the DW Freedom of Speech Award (FoSA) Ceremony, where this year imprisoned Hong Kong media entrepreneur Jimmy Lai will be honored for his outstanding commitment to democracy, press freedom and freedom of speech. His daughter Claire Lai will accept the award on his behalf.

PHOTOS AND MEDIA

You can find selected pictures from the conference on Flickr. You are free to use them for your coverage of the conference, but please make sure to provide the copyright credit with every picture you distribute. Once the conference starts, you will find the photos here.

Selected sessions will be available on YouTube shortly after the conference.

Moreover, sessions in the plenary chamber will be **streamed live** on YouTube.

INTERVIEWS WITH OUR SPEAKERS AND DW EXPERTS

With more than 160 speakers and hundreds of journalists from around the world, #GMF26 offers a wide range of experts covering the topics currently most relevant to journalism. An overview of the speakers can be found here.

We are happy to assist in arranging interviews. If you are interested, please reach out to us via communication@dw.com

REPORTING FROM AND AT THE DW GLOBAL MEDIA FORUM

The WCCB offers a few possibilities to work and report live from the conference:

- Our GMF backdrop on the first floor above the lobby provides the necessary space and setting to record interviews, for example.
- The press gallery in the plenary chamber offers a clear view of the proceedings, as well as power outlets and quiet workspaces for reporting live from the conference.
- Use the opportunity to speak with a wide range of speakers and experts at #GMF26. You can either contact them directly or reach out via the conference platform. If you are in need of assistance, feel free to contact us via communication@dw.com

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GENERAL INFORMATION: DW, GMF AND THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AWARD

About the DW Freedom of Speech Award

Since 2015, DW has awarded the Freedom of Speech Award (FoSA) to spotlight restrictions on press freedom around the world and to honor the exceptional work of journalists and human rights defenders. Past honorees include Georgian journalist Tamar Kintsurashvili (2025), Yulia Navalnaya and the Russian Anti-Corruption Foundation (2024) and Óscar Martínez, editor-in-chief of the online outlet El Faro in El Salvador (2023).

About DW

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